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PSC ISSUES DECISION IN VALLEY WOODS WATER COMPANY RATE CASE

Jefferson City (May 20, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has issued an order which authorizes the Valley Woods Water Company to increase annual sewer revenues by approximately \$1,000 for service rendered on and after May 21, 2002. There will be no change in the current water rates of Valley Woods Water Company customers.

Based upon a thorough review of the Company's books and records, it was determined that a rate increase was necessary to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the sewer system. For a typical residential customer, sewer rates will increase from \$20.00 a month to \$28.33 a month.

On September 24, 2001, Valley Woods Water Company filed a water rate case as well as a sewer rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Company sought to increase annual sewer revenues by approximately \$1,000 and water revenues by approximately \$2,500 a year.

The PSC Staff conducted a thorough review of the books and records of the Company. In a May 10, 2002 filing, the PSC Staff stated the Company could justify the increase sought in its sewer revenues. Staff concluded that changes in water rates were not necessary. In a filing with the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel stated that it did not oppose the rate adjustment for sewer service. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in proceedings before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Valley Woods Water Company serves approximately 10 sewer customers in Christian County near Spokane, Missouri.

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